105226 posts have been identified for abolition and around 42723 posts have been identified to be filled up, as a result of these instructions.

Curtailing of interest rates on EPF

†2588. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared 9.5 per cent interest on EPF for the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for curtailing the interest rate for the financial year 2004-05, inspite of giving approval of 9.5 per cent interest?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Under Para 60(1) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, the Central Government has approved the crediting of interest to the member's account for the years as detailed below:

Year	Rate of Interest
2002-03	9.5%
2003-04	9.0% + 0.5% bonus interest
2004-05	9.5%

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Unclaimed deposits with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

2589. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total amount lying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) classified as Unclaimed Deposits (UCDs);

(b) the reasons for this unclaimed deposits; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to find out the members whose fund has been lying unclaimed?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.